

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant(s): Cain | |
| Application No.: 09/457209 | Group Art Unit: 2431 |
| Filed: 12/08/1999 | |
| Title: System, Device, and Method for Sending Keep-Alive Messages in a Communication Network | Examiner: Zia |
| Attorney Docket No.: 120-025 | |

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Please enter this response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2010.